

## BRIDGE ACROSS WABASH RIVER AT VINCENNES, IND.

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MR. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3722]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3722) to authorize the States of Indiana and Illinois in the States of Indiana and Illinois to construct a bridge across the Wabash River at the city of Vincennes, Knox County, Ind., and connecting Lawrence County, Ill., have considered the same and report thereon with amendments, and as so amended, recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications, the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

In line 4 after the word "Illinois" strike out the words "connecting the two States, is"; and in lieu thereof insert the word "are".

In line 9 after the word "navigation" strike out the words "at a place near".

On page 2 strike out all of lines 1, 2, and 3.

On page 2, strike out all in line 4 to and including the word "all".

Amend the title to read as follows:

To authorize the county of Knox, State of Indiana, and the county of Lawrence, State of Illinois, to construct a bridge across the Wabash River at the city of Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 16, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (S. 3722, 68th Cong., 2d sess.), to authorize the States of Indiana and Illinois in the States of Indiana and Illinois to construct a bridge across the Wabash River at the city

of Vincennes, Knox County, Ind., and connecting Lawrence County, Ill., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Wabash River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, January 14, 1925.

Hon. W. L. JONES,

*Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 7, transmitting a copy of the bill (S. 3722) with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the county of Knox, State of Indiana, and the county of Lawrence, State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River from a point in the city of Vincennes, Ind., to a point opposite in the State of Illinois at a place near the bridge now in operation at said point. The site of the proposed bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the States of Illinois and Indiana and is on one of the most important east and west interstate routes through the city of St. Louis. It is the intention of the highway departments of the States of Illinois and Indiana to construct a free bridge under the authorization proposed to replace the existing bridge which is in a dilapidated condition. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*